

Preliminary Amendment

1. (Currently Amended) A paper-pressing table lock mechanism of stapler comprising:

a table link ~~that is rotatably provided in a base; and has~~
a paper-pressing table provided on the table link; including
a movable clincher provided on a leading end of the
paper-pressing table;-

the table link having a fixing pin projecting on a side surface
of the table link;

a fixing plate slidable ~~with a wedge action~~ with respect to the fixing pin and engagable with the fixing pin to lock the table link in a paper-pressing state;

a driver that drives a staple to sheets of paper to be stapled pressed against the paper-pressing table ~~from an opposite side;~~

a clincher link that is rotatably provided in the base so as to press the movable clincher of the table link in the paper-pressing state from an opposite side of the driver and that clinches each leg of the staple penetrating the sheets of paper to be stapled;

a clinch lever that presses the clincher link ~~to operate;~~ and

a pressure reducing mechanism that temporarily reduces the pressure by the clinch lever with respect to the clincher link.

2. (Currently Amended) The paper-pressing table lock mechanism of stapler according to claim 1, wherein the pressure reducing

mechanism comprises a sector-shaped cam, ~~and of which the~~ a
periphery of the sector-shaped cam is engaged with the clinch lever,

the sector-shaped cam has an stepped portion formed on the
periphery of the sector-shaped cam, and

when the clinch lever is engaged with the stepped portion,
a pressure with respect to the clincher link is reduced.

3. (Currently Amended) The paper-pressing table lock mechanism of
stapler according to claim 2, wherein the sector-shaped cam
comprises a first and second sector-shaped cams, the first and
second sector-shaped cams have the same external feature, and the
first and second sector-shaped cams are mounted on a common driving
shaft so as to rotate at the same phase.

4. (Currently Amended) The paper-pressing table lock mechanism of
stapler according to claim 2, wherein the sector-shaped cam
comprises a first and second sector-shaped cams,

the first and second sector-shaped cams have the same external
feature, ~~and~~

the first and second sector-shaped cams are mounted on a
common driving shaft, ~~so that~~ and

a phase of the first sector-shaped cam and a phase of the second
sector-shaped cam are shifted. ~~a rotation phase difference between~~
~~the first and second sector shaped cams occurs.~~

5.(Original) The paper-pressing table lock mechanism of stapler according to claim 2, wherein the sector-shaped cam comprises a first and second sector-shaped cams,

the first sector-shaped cam has a first stepped portion,

the second sector-shaped cam has a second stepped portion,

the first and second stepped portions are respectively formed in the first and second sector-shaped cams so that the respective clinch levers are respectively engaged with the first and second stepped portions at shifted timing.